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Mr. William F. Caton Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW, Room 222 Washington, DC 20554

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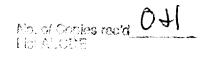
Dear Mr. Caton:

On Friday, September 26, 1997, Mr. Greg Braden, Mr. Jack Armitage and Ms. Bartlett Thomas, all of MediaOne, and myself, met with Richard Metzger, Blaise Scintow, Michael Pryor, and Larry Strickland, of the Commission concerning the above referenced subject. The purpose of the meeting was to address the activities and plans of MediaOne with regard to the provision of local telephone service to residential customers in Atlanta, Georgia.

Using a map of the Atlanta area (Attachment 1) Greg Braden, Vice President for Telephony at MediaOne discussed the Company's upgrade and new telephony activities in Georgia.

The upgrade to a 750 network supports video, new cable and telephony services. Mr. Braden discussed the functions of the headends, fiber backbone, hubs, nodes, switches, HDTs and NIDs in this upgraded network. He additionally described MediaOne's switching plant and how telecommunications traffic on this network connects of fourteen BellSouth switches/tandems in the Atlanta area and to interexchange carrier Points of Presence. He discussed the level of investment for core cable operations as well as the additional investment for telephony operations, both specifically relating to Atlanta as well as national projections. He stated that current plans call for Atlanta upgrade to be completed by year end 1998, and that by year end 1999, MediaOne would pass approximately 1 million residences and 108,000 businesses.

MediaOne is currently serving a small number of customers in multiple dwelling units in Atlanta. The Company will conduct beta testing for single family residences in the immediate future and will proceed with a commercial launch of telephone service in the next few months. Although MediaOne has actively invested and built to support this launch, it has adjusted its business plan downward over the last several years, in part du to regulatory pricing decisions issued by the FCC.



Mr. Braden outlined the revenue the Company hopes to generate from its facilities-based telephony services as well as possibilities for competitive packaging. He discussed MediaOne's need for OSS which, as facilities based provider, is different form that of a reseller or unbundled network element purchaser. He emphasized MediaOne's desire for OSS "at parity" with the incumbent.

Jack Armitage, Vice President for Telephony in MediaOne's Atlanta region discussed current processes when MediaOne signs up a new customer. Generally, the process requires MediaOne to send five separate faxes to BellSouth, and two hours of a service representative's time to follow the process through. While current volumes make this situation tolerable it will require mechanized solutions. Mr. Armitage also discussed the issue of network terminating wire charges from BellSouth in multiple dwelling units, and expressed optimism that the companies could amiable settle this matter. He reiterated the Atlanta launch schedule described by Mr. Braden, with his target for customer take.

Sincerely

Brenda Fox

cc: Richard Metzger Blaise Scintow

Michael Pryor Larry Strickland

Attachment

